## DODGE COUNTY JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 5, 2017

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller Thomas Nickel Larry Bischoff Dan Hilbert Larry Schraufnagel

Also Present: Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board Chairman; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Bernie Mueller, Child Support Agency; Dale Schmidt, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Brooke Bittner, Chief Deputy Medical Examiner; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

**Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation:** Motion made by Schraufnagel to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Hilbert to approve Minutes of April 7, 2017; second by Nickel.

Motion carried.

Communications: None

Announcements: None

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: None

Clerk of Courts Report: None

Child Support Report: None

District Attorney Report: Bob reported that there are a lot of trainings that staff has either recently attended or will be attending. Yolanda was at Together for Children which dealt with child abuse issues. The State Prosecutors Conference will be coming up. Kurt will be doing a presentation at one of the conferences. Jim also will be at a training in Green Bay at the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) conference. This deals primarily with child pornography issues. ICAC funding is primarily funded from federal funds and has training opportunities around the country that are paid for from these federal funds.

**Medical Examiner Report:** PJ distributed his quarterly report. While the numbers for 2016 were down, they are considerably higher for 2017. Cremation permits are up. Autopsies are

down slightly. The ME has been here for more than 10 years and has noted a dramatic increase in cremations, with those making up about half of the funerals at this time.

**Sheriff Office Report**: Sheriff Schmidt introduced Scott Mittlestadt who is the new operations captain. His responsibilities will include patrol, communications and detective divisions of the department. Because of the changes recently made in the hiring process, the Sheriff was able to bring him on board only a few weeks after the retirement of Trace Frost.

Captain Mittlestadt gave the Committee his work history, which included prior experience with the DNR, and working for the police department in the City of Sheboygan. He received the welcome of the Committee.

The Sheriff is meeting with Beaver Dam again this week regarding the Spillman project. He feels that the City will be on board with the contract. This offers 4 years to pay the training costs. He feels they are working on the final terms, and would like this accomplished by May 15 at the Council meeting. The Town of Theresa is still not on board, but they are not as large a department.

Spillman is working directly with the District Attorney's Office to make sure the interfaces are working properly. There will be a mock "go live" exercise before the actual release date.

The Sheriff made additional comments regarding the ICAC training. The Sheriff's Office would like to have a detective dedicated to working on internet crimes in the future.

The list of calls for the previous month were distributed to the Committee.

Scott Petrack from the recreational division responded to a call last night on the Beaver Dam River for a boating accident because the DNR was not available.

Scott Smith reported that the pipe project in the jail is going along very well and is three weeks ahead of schedule. The kitchen area will be the last part of the project, with the entire project being completed in August of this year. While it was anticipated that some inmates would have to be moved to another County, it does not appear that this will need to happen.

The security project is also nearing completion.

The new x-ray machine is being replaced today, and the plan is to sell the old one on the Surplus Public Auction site.

The Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m. in front of the Administration Building. A meal will be available at a cost of \$12.00.

The Sheriff's Office is looking to add an additional K9 in the future. Countryside Motors has contributed funds for this, along with money raised at the golf outing and at brat sales. This is a non-levy item.

**Other business:** Barb Brandt gave the informal presentation at this meeting regarding Search & Rescue dogs. She is a member of Wisconsin K9SOS Search and Rescue that is basically based in the southern part of Wisconsin. They are a volunteer organization that trains their own K9's and responds when called by law enforcement, fire department or an emergency management department. Barb described the disciplines for search and rescue dogs and that

while some K9's are trained in only one, others are cross-trained for both live and HRD. She informed the committee of the training both dogs and humans receive for both live and HRD. Most of her teammates have gone to seminars at the body farm in North Carolina. They also certify in CPR and first aid, and go through SARTech and NIMS training. Team members purchase their own K9's, equipment and vet bills and pay for travel and accommodations, if needed, and provide their services to communities without cost.

Next Meeting: Friday, June 2, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Nickel to adjourn meeting; second by Nickel. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m..

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next

committee meeting

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Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary